

Cuba Said To Curb Panthers

HAVANA, June 27 (AP) — Black Panther Raymond Johnson has said he is being sent back to a work camp in the Cuban interior "to keep me from making statements to the foreign press."

Johnson had said Tuesday that he and other Black Panther members in Cuba were kept "isolated and imprisoned" even though they had come seeking political asylum.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry has no comment on Johnson's complaints, a spokesman said yesterday.

Johnson said the Panthers are not permitted to move freely in Cuba and that they now want to leave for Africa. He implied this included Eldridge Cleaver, a Panther leader now a fugitive here from a U.S. court.

Cuban news media have never mentioned the presence of Black Panthers here.

Johnson, who came to Cuba by hijacking an airliner, said four Black Panthers with whom he has contact have been placed in Havana hotels by Cuban officials. He said this indicated they may be preparing to leave the country.